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LEWISTOWN MAN SENTENCED TO 40 YEARS IN PRISON FOR CENTRAL ILLINOIS ARMED BANK ROBBERIES

Springfield, IL - Rodger A. Heaton, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, announced that William A. Ginglen, age 64, of Lewistown, Illinois, was sentenced today to a term of 481 months in prison for seven armed bank robberies committed in central Illinois in late 2003 and 2004. U.S. District Judge Jeanne E. Scott further ordered Ginglen to pay restitution to the banks in the total amount of \$56,382.

During a court appearance on July 8, 2005, Ginglen pled guilty to committing seven armed robberies of central Illinois banks, including two banks which were robbed twice, and with two counts of carrying and using a firearm during a crime of violence.

Ginglen admitted robbing the banks on the following dates:

Bank of Kenney, Kenney, Illinois, on November 10, 2003;
Farmers State Bank of Versailles, Versailles, Illinois, on February 13, 2004;
Bank of Greenview, Greenview, Illinois, on March 12, 2004;
First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust, N.A., Deland, Illinois, May 4, 2004;
Petefish, Skiles and Company Bank, Tallula, Illinois, June 8, 2004;
First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust, Deland, Illinois, June 12, 2004; and,
Bank of Kenney, Kenney, Illinois, on July 12, 2004.

In addition, Ginglen admitted to carrying and brandishing a firearm on two occasions: the June 12, 2004 robbery of First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust N.A. in Deland and the July 12, 2004 robbery of the Bank of Kenney.

The charges were the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Dewitt County Sheriff's Department; Menard County Sheriff's Department; the Fulton County Sheriff's Department, and the Champaign Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Chesley prosecuted the case.

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